

SENATE RESOLUTION
8671

By Senators Thibaudeau, Deccio, Winsley, Swecker, Fraser, Keiser, McCaslin and Franklin

WHEREAS, The Western Institutional Review Board (WIRB) is an impartial review panel that safeguards the rights and welfare of human research subjects, ensuring risks are both minimized and disclosed fairly to study participants; and

WHEREAS, WIRB, an ethical review board for clinical research studies, reviews federally regulated and industry-sponsored research for both large and small institutions in every medical discipline; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1968 by Dr. Angela Bowen and headquartered in Olympia, Washington, WIRB is the oldest and most experienced independent institutional review board in America, providing research services for more than 10,000 investigators in more than 30 countries and in all 50 states; and

WHEREAS, The Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs Inc. (AAHRPP) is a nonprofit organization offering accreditation to institutions engaged in research involving human participants; and

WHEREAS, WIRB has received accreditation by AAHRPP, thereby establishing a "gold seal," signifying adherence to rigorous standards for human protection, ensuring consistency and uniformity among all institutions conducting biomedical, behavioral, and social sciences research; and

WHEREAS, WIRB strives to ensure that risks of scientific advancement never outweigh the value of human life, follow tradition while embracing new technologies and practices, maintain ethical conduct and regulatory compliance, and honor and respect all persons; and

WHEREAS, WIRB provides continuing education for investigators of medical research in governing regulations, drug development process, and ethical, regulatory, legal, and human-subject protection responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize the Western Institutional Review Board as a leader in clinical research reviews that makes every effort to protect all research parties from any conflicts of interest; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Western Institutional Review Board President Angela J. Bowen, M.D., Senior Vice President Ron Warren, and William C. Jacobs, Chairman.

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr., Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8671,
adopted by the Senate
April 24, 2003

MILTON H. DOUMIT, JR.
Secretary of the Senate